

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Withdrawn) A video-image control apparatus having video-image input means, which transfers a video image, inputted in accordance with a request from a remote client, to the client, comprising:

memory means for storing information unique to an object within a range inputtable by said video-image input means;

first transfer control means for, when the video image inputted by said video-image input means is transmitted to the client, if the video image includes the object corresponding to the information stored in said memory means, combining a predetermined information with the video image such that requested information is outputted at an image position indicative of the object upon reception of a predetermined instruction from the client, and transferring the video image; and

a second transfer control means for, upon reception of the instruction from the client, transferring the information stored in said memory means to the client.

13. (Withdrawn) The video-image control apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said video-image input means inputs the video image from a predetermined camera device.

14. (Withdrawn) The video-image control apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

detection means for, when the object is a device connected on an network, if the object is within a view range of said video-image input means, detecting status information of the object; and

combining means for combining an image based on the status information detected by said detection means with the video image inputted by said video-image input means,

wherein said first transfer control means transfers an image obtained from combining by said combining means.

15. (Withdrawn) The video-image control apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said first transfer control means has:

determination means for determining whether or not the video image to be transferred includes the object corresponding to the information stored in said memory means; and

anchor generating means for generating anchor information to cause requested information assigned at a position around the object in the video image to be transferred, if said determination means determines that the video image includes the object,

wherein said first transfer control means transfers the image information with the anchor information.

16. (Withdrawn) A control method for a video-image control apparatus having video-image input means, which transfers a video image, inputted in accordance with a request from a remote client, to the client, comprising:

a first transfer control step of, when transferring the video image inputted by said video image input means to the client, if the video image includes a pre-set object, combining a

predetermined information with the video image such that requested information is outputted at an image position indicative of the object upon reception of a predetermined instruction from the client, and transferring the video image; and

a second transfer control step of, upon reception of the instruction from the client, reading information unique to the object from a predetermined memory means, and transferring the information to the client.

17. (Withdrawn) The control method according to claim 16, wherein said video-image input means inputs the video image from a predetermined camera device.

18. (Withdrawn) The control method according to claim 16, further comprising:
a detection step of, when the object is a device connected on an network, if the object is within a view range of said video-image input means, detecting status information of the object; and
a combining step of combining an image based on the status information detected at said detection step with the video image inputted by said video-image input means,
wherein an image obtained from combining by said combining means is transferred at said first transfer control step.

19. (Withdrawn) The control method according to claim 16, wherein said first transfer control step has:

a determination step of determining whether or not the video image to be transferred includes the pre-set object; and

an anchor generating step of generating anchor information to cause requested information assigned at a position around the object in the video image to be transferred, if it is determined at said determination step that the video image includes the object,

wherein the image information is transferred with the anchor information at said first transfer control step.

20. (Withdrawn) A storage medium containing a program which is read and executed by a computer and which functions as a video-image control apparatus having video-image input means, which transfers a video image, inputted in accordance with a request from a remote client, to the client, comprising:

first transfer-control process program codes of, when transferring the video image inputted by said video-image input means to the client, if the video image includes a pre-set object, combining a predetermined information with the video image such that requested information is outputted at an image position indicative of the object, upon reception of a predetermined instruction from the client, and transferring the video image; and

second transfer-control process program codes of, upon reception of the instruction from the client, reading information unique to the object from a predetermined memory means, and transferring the information to the client.

21. (Withdrawn) An image processing apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating means for generating an additional image relating to the video image received by said reception means; and

display control means for, if the video image received by said reception means has been obtained at a predetermined zoom ratio, combining the video image with the additional image and displaying an image resulted from combining on a predetermined display means, while if the video image received by said reception means has not been obtained at the predetermined zoom ratio, displaying the video image on said predetermined display means without combining the video image with the additional image.

22. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the additional image relating to the video image is an annotation on each object in the video image.

23. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the annotation is information indicative of a position of each object.

24. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the annotation is a message from a person concerned with each object.

25. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the annotation is variable information relating to each object.

26. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, further comprising said display means.

27. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the video image is a still image.

28. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the video image is a moving image.

29. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said display control means selects to combine or not to combine the video image with the additional image, based on whether or not the video image received by said reception means has been obtained at a predetermined image-sensing angle, as well as the zoom ratio.

30. (Withdrawn) An image processing method comprising:
a reception step of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

a generating step of generating an additional image relating to the video image received at said reception step; and

a display control step of, if the video image received at said reception step has been obtained at a predetermined zoom ratio, combining the video image with the additional image and displaying an image resulted from combining on a predetermined display means, while if the video image

received at said reception step has not been obtained at the predetermined zoom ratio, displaying the video image on said predetermined display means without combining the video image with the additional image.

31. (Withdrawn) A storage medium containing a computer-readable control program, said program comprising:

reception process program codes of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating process program codes of generating an additional image relating to the video image received at said reception process; and

display control process program codes of, if the video image received at said reception process has been obtained at a predetermined zoom ratio, combining the video image with the additional image and displaying an image resulted from combining on a predetermined display means, while if the video image received at said reception process has not been obtained at the predetermined zoom ratio, displaying the video image on said predetermined display means without combining the video image with the additional image.

32. (Withdrawn) An image processing apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating means for generating an additional image to be combined and displayed with the video image received by said reception means; and

control means for controlling generation of the additional image by said generating means, in accordance with a size of a predetermined object in the video image received by said reception means.

33. (Withdrawn) An image processing method comprising:

a reception step of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

a generating step of generating an additional image to be combined and displayed with the video image received at said reception step; and

a control step of controlling generation of the additional image at said generating step, in accordance with a size of a predetermined object in the video image received at said reception step.

34. (Withdrawn) A storage medium containing a computer-readable control program comprising:

reception process program codes of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating process program codes of generating an additional image to be combined and displayed with the video image received at said reception process; and

control process program codes of controlling generation of the additional image at said generating process, in accordance with a size of a predetermined object in the video image received at said reception process.

35. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating means for generating an additional image to be combined and displayed with an image of an object in the video image received by said reception means; [[and]]

control means for controlling generation of the additional image by said generating means, in accordance with image sensing condition of the video image received by said reception means; and

transmission means for transmitting first internet page data including the object image and the additional image to a client,

wherein the additional image is a link image which enables the client to start for starting reception of second internet page data about the object ~~an image~~ from another network terminal which can provide information related to the object.

36. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the image sensing condition includes an image sensing angle.

37. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the image sensing condition includes a zoom ratio.

38. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the additional image is an annotation on each object in the video image.

39. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:

a reception step of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

a generating step of generating an additional image to be combined and displayed with an image of an object in the video image received at said reception step; [[and]]

a control step of controlling generation of the additional image at said generating step, in accordance with image sensing condition of the video image received at said reception step; and a transmission step of transmitting first internet page data including the object image and the additional image to a client.

wherein the additional image is a link image which enables the client to start ~~for starting~~ reception of second internet page data about the object ~~an image~~ from another network terminal which can provide information related to the object.

40. (Currently Amended) A storage medium containing a computer-readable control program comprising:

reception process program codes of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating process program codes of generating an additional image to be combined and displayed with an image of an object in the video image received at said reception process; [[and]]

control process program codes of controlling generation of the additional image at said generating process, in accordance with image sensing condition of the video image received at said reception process; and

transmission process program codes of transmitting first internet page data including the object image and the additional image to a client,

wherein the additional image is a link image which enables the client to start ~~for starting~~ reception of second internet page data about the object ~~an image~~ from another network terminal which can provide information related to the object.

41. (Withdrawn) An image processing apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;

generating means for generating plural different formats of additional images to be combined and displayed with the video image received by said reception means; and

control means for generating an additional image corresponding to one of the plural formats, by said generating means, based on image sensing condition of the video image received by said reception means.

42. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the image sensing condition includes an image sensing angle.

43. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the image sensing condition includes a zoom ratio.

44. (Withdrawn) The image processing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the additional image is an annotation on each object in the video image.

45. (Withdrawn) An image processing method comprising:
a reception step of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;
a generating step of generating plural different formats of additional images to be combined and displayed with the video image received at said reception step; and
a control step of generating an additional image corresponding to one of the plural formats, at said generating step, based on image sensing condition of the video image received at said reception step.

46. (Withdrawn) A storage medium containing a computer-readable control program comprising:
reception process program codes of receiving a video image obtained by a predetermined image sensing means;
generating process program codes of generating plural different formats of additional images to be combined and displayed with the video image received at said reception process; and
control process program codes of generating an additional image corresponding to one of the plural formats, at said generating process, based on image sensing condition of the video image received at said reception process.